WHEREAS; clinical nurse specialists are advanced practice registered nurses who provide expert knowledge and leadership in patient care and the development of nursing knowledge and skills, with the goal of continuously improving patient outcomes and the nursing profession; and

WHEREAS; as crucial members of our state's healthcare workforce, clinical nurse specialists function as practitioners, coordinators, consultants, educators, and researchers, and their influence on the quality and safety of healthcare in Wisconsin is well-documented and worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS; clinical nurse specialists working in hospitals and other healthcare settings throughout our state have advanced degrees in nursing practice and are uniquely prepared to demonstrate leadership skills and clinical expertise; and

WHEREAS; clinical nurse specialists improve patient outcomes through evidence-based practices, establish nursing practice standards, develop best practice models, and collaborate with other healthcare leaders to enhance quality of care and patient safety; and

WHEREAS; the safe, cost-effective, and high-quality healthcare services provided by our state's nursing workforce—including our clinical nurse specialists—are increasingly important assets in supporting access to Wisconsin's healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to learn more about the contributions of clinical nurse specialists to the health and well-being of individuals and communities across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 1 - 7, 2021, as

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST RECOGNITION WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

	have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6th day of August
TONY EVERS, Governor	J
By the Governor:	

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State